

REMARKS

Drawings. The objection to the drawings is not understood. Reference is made to the front page of the patent application publication 2006/0096432, which shows the guide 7 above the conveyor 5b. Therefore, it is not seen what correction is necessary.

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 1, 3, 9 and 13 are amended to overcome the objection.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11 are rejected as being unpatentable over Ray, U.S. 5,012,824. Claim 1 is the main and sole independent claim of the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to make it clear that the transporting device is arranged on guides (7) that are attached to the machine body (1) that contains the cutterhead (2). This makes servicing of the machine, particularly the part containing the cutterhead, easier. This feature is neither shown nor suggested in Ray, which uses a transport device having a part which is interconnected with the machine body (20) that contains the cutterhead.

Accordingly, main claim 1 patentably defines over Ray and should be allowed.

All of the other claims depend, directly or ultimately, from claim 1.

As to the claims rejected on the basis of Ray in view of various secondary references, none of the secondary references cure the basic defect of Ray that is discussed above. Therefore, all of these claims also are patentable.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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